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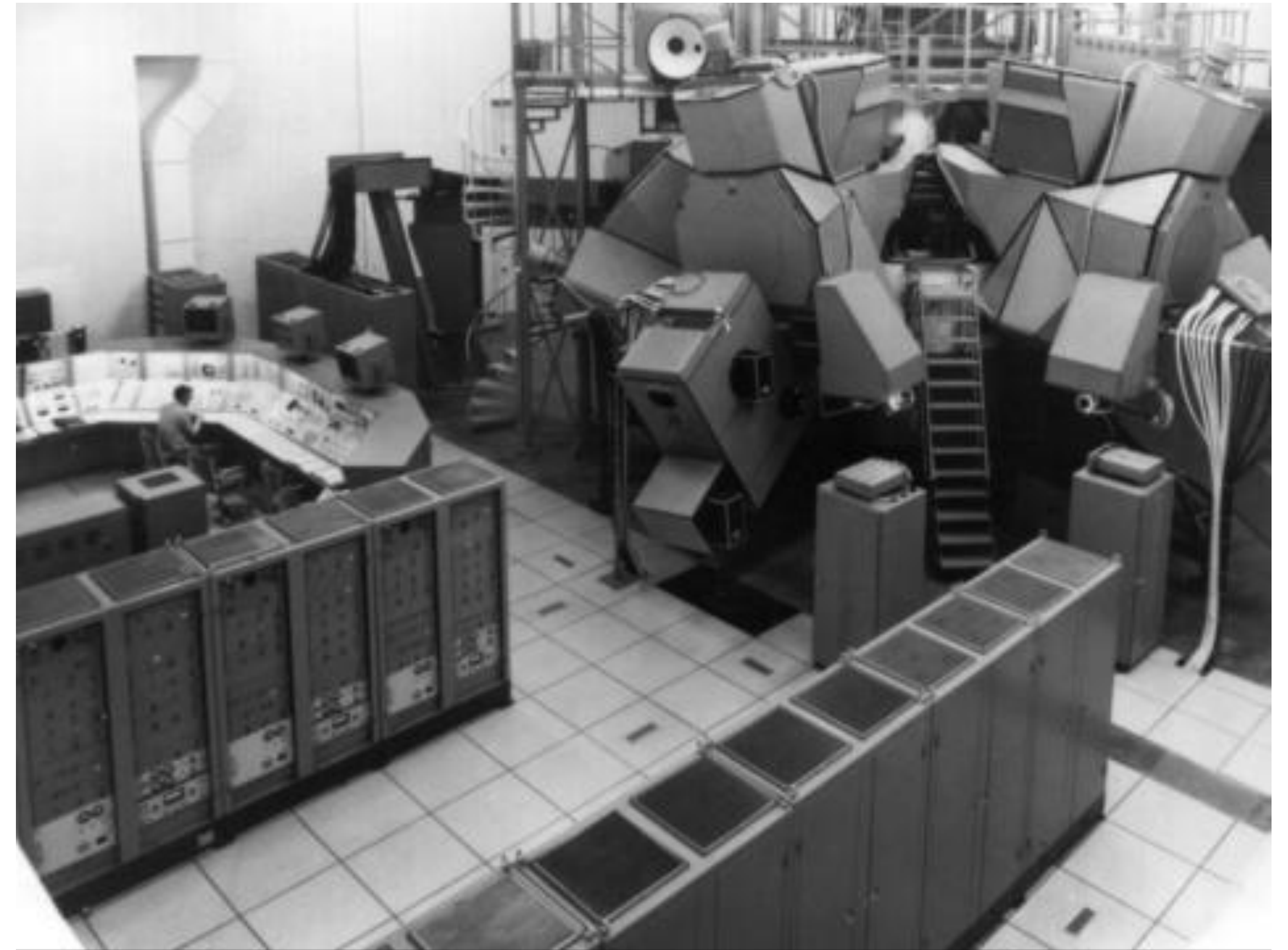
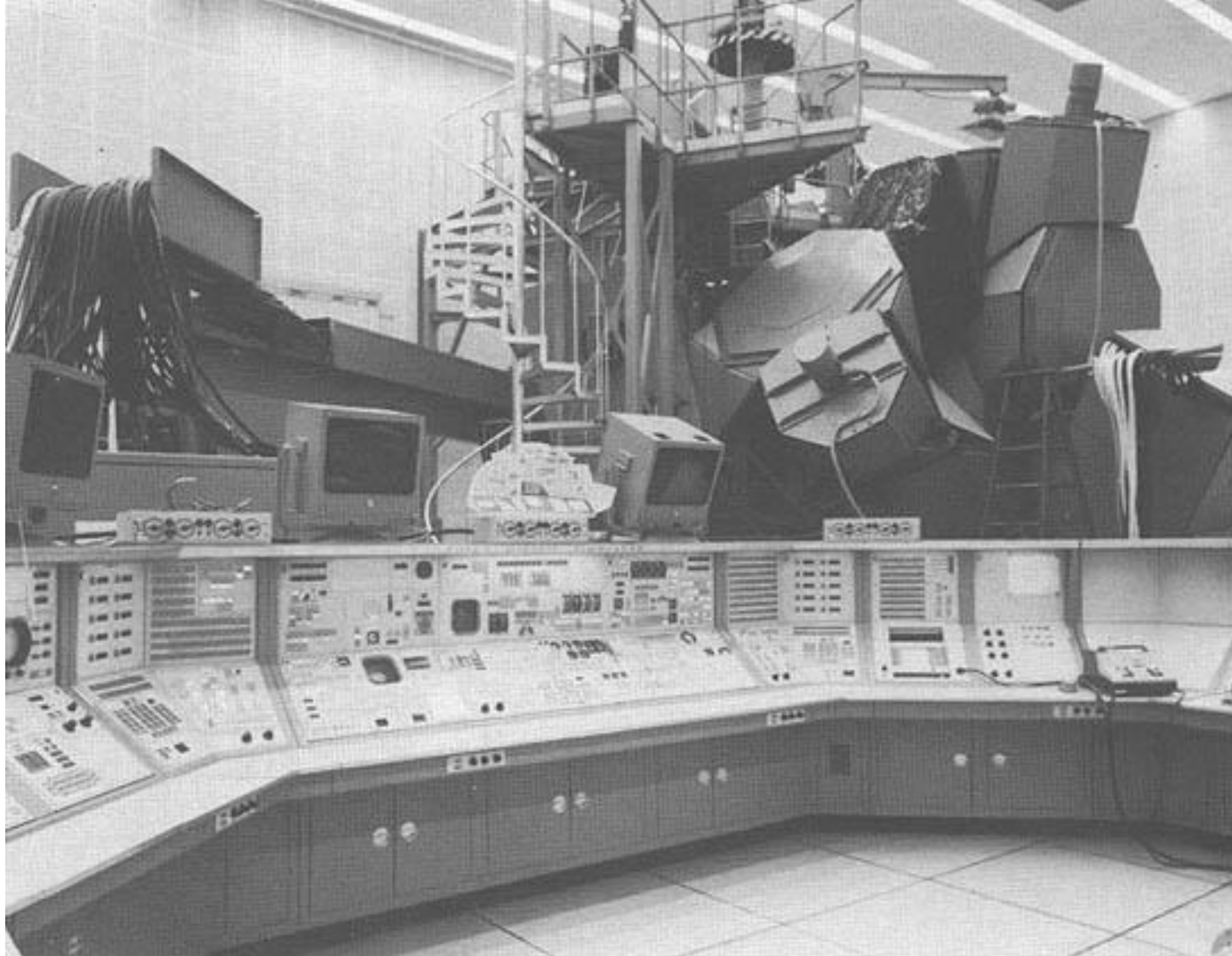
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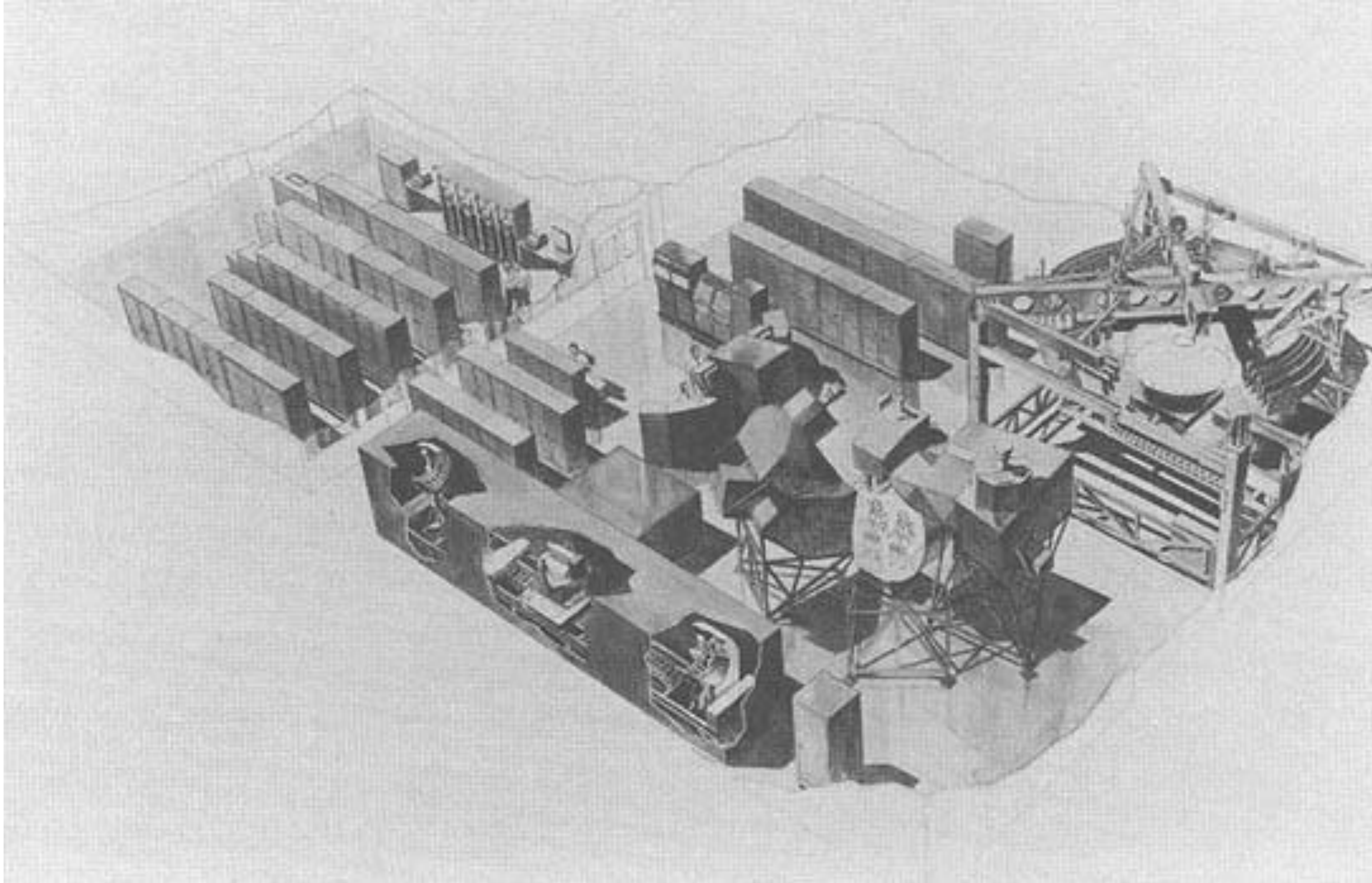


Teaching Embedded System  
Design  
with Simscape and Simulink

# Computer Simulations



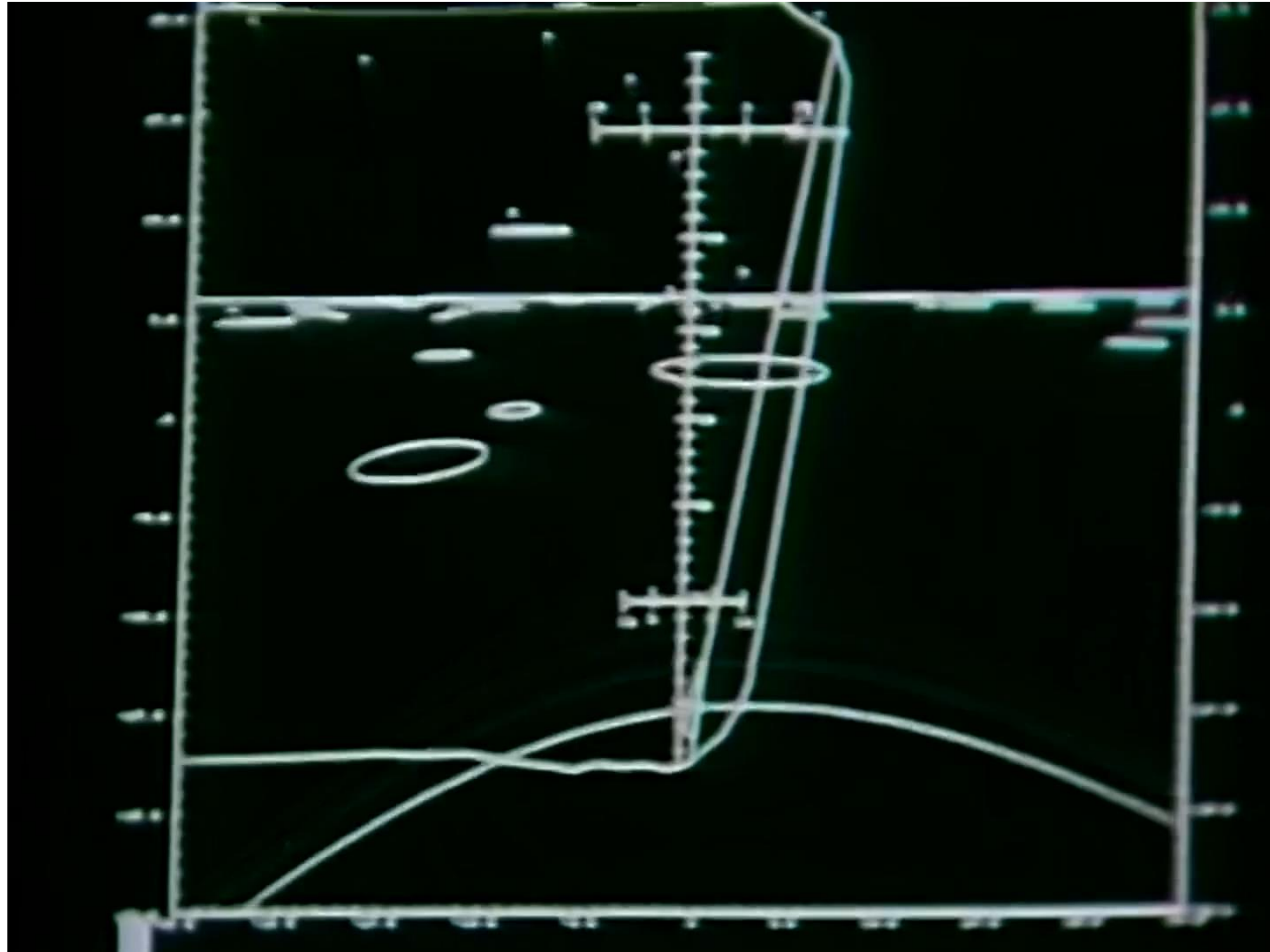
# Computer Simulations



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# How to teach engineering?



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# Build something!

# Embedded Systems?





Moon landing  
1. Try: Simscape

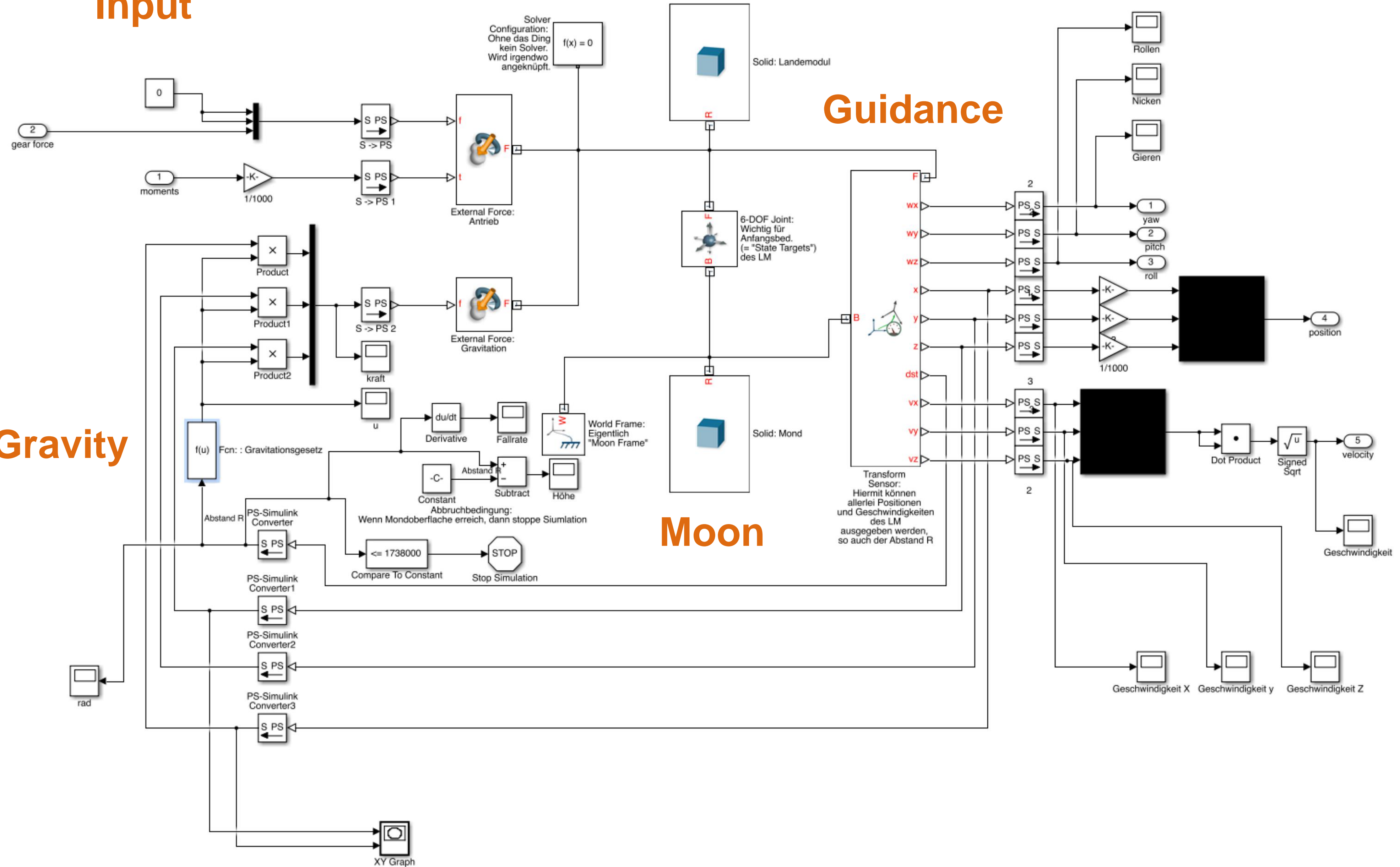
# Lunar lander

## Input

## Guidance

## Gravity

## Moon



# What about fuel?

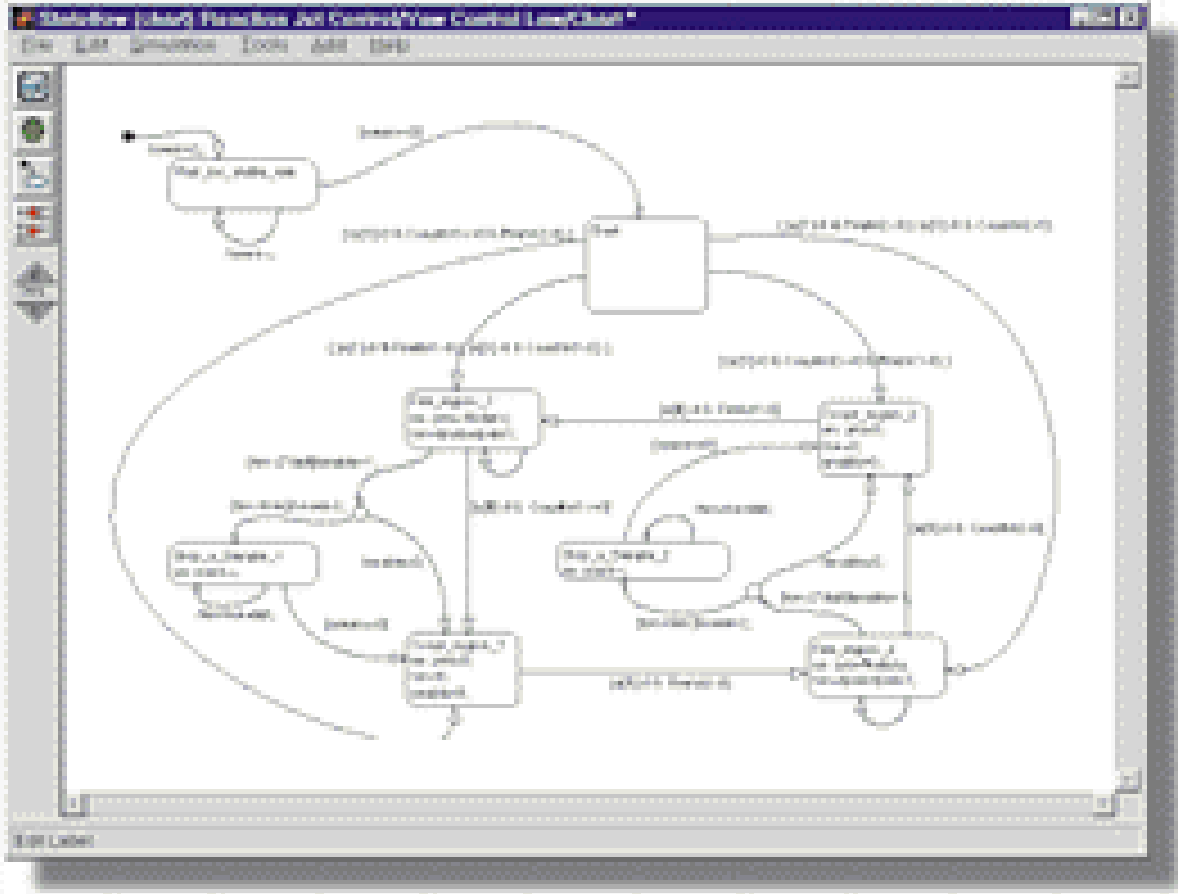
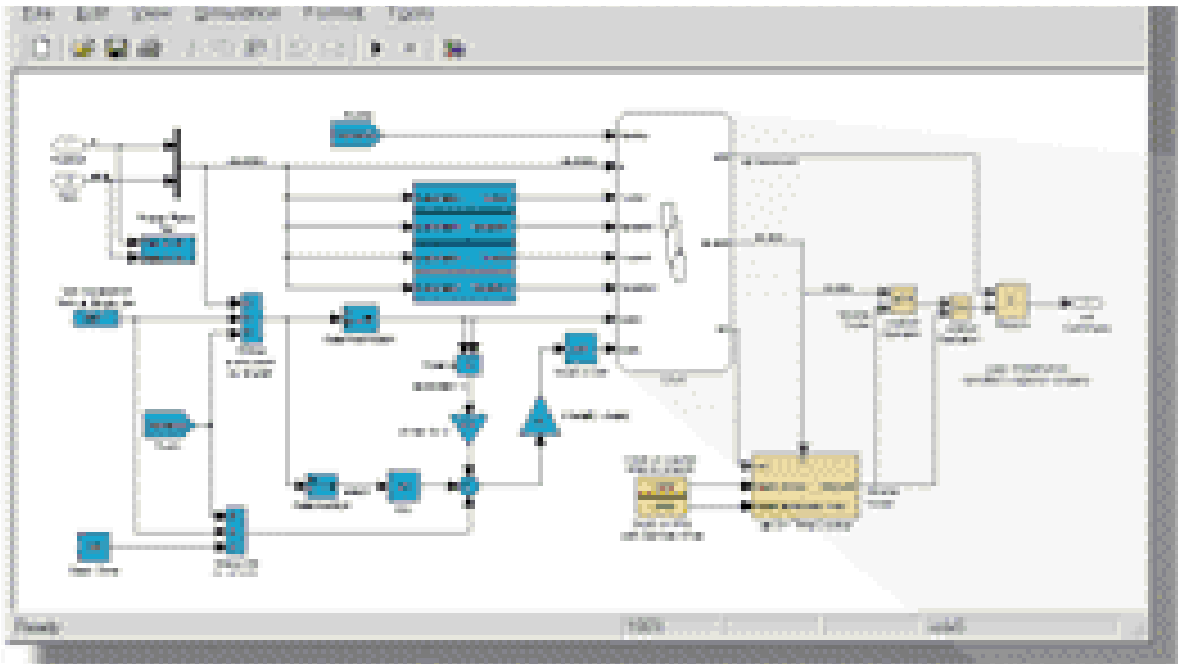
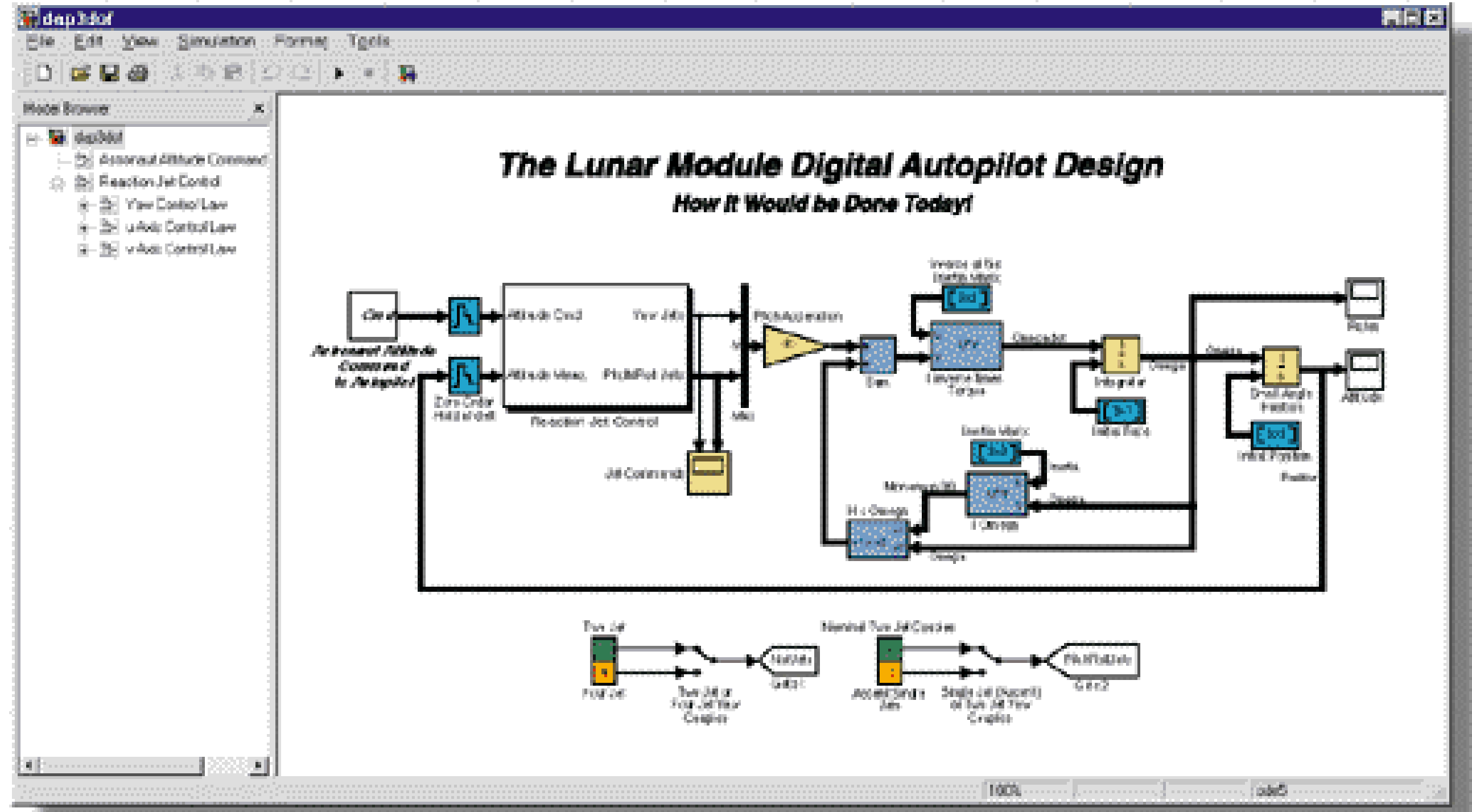
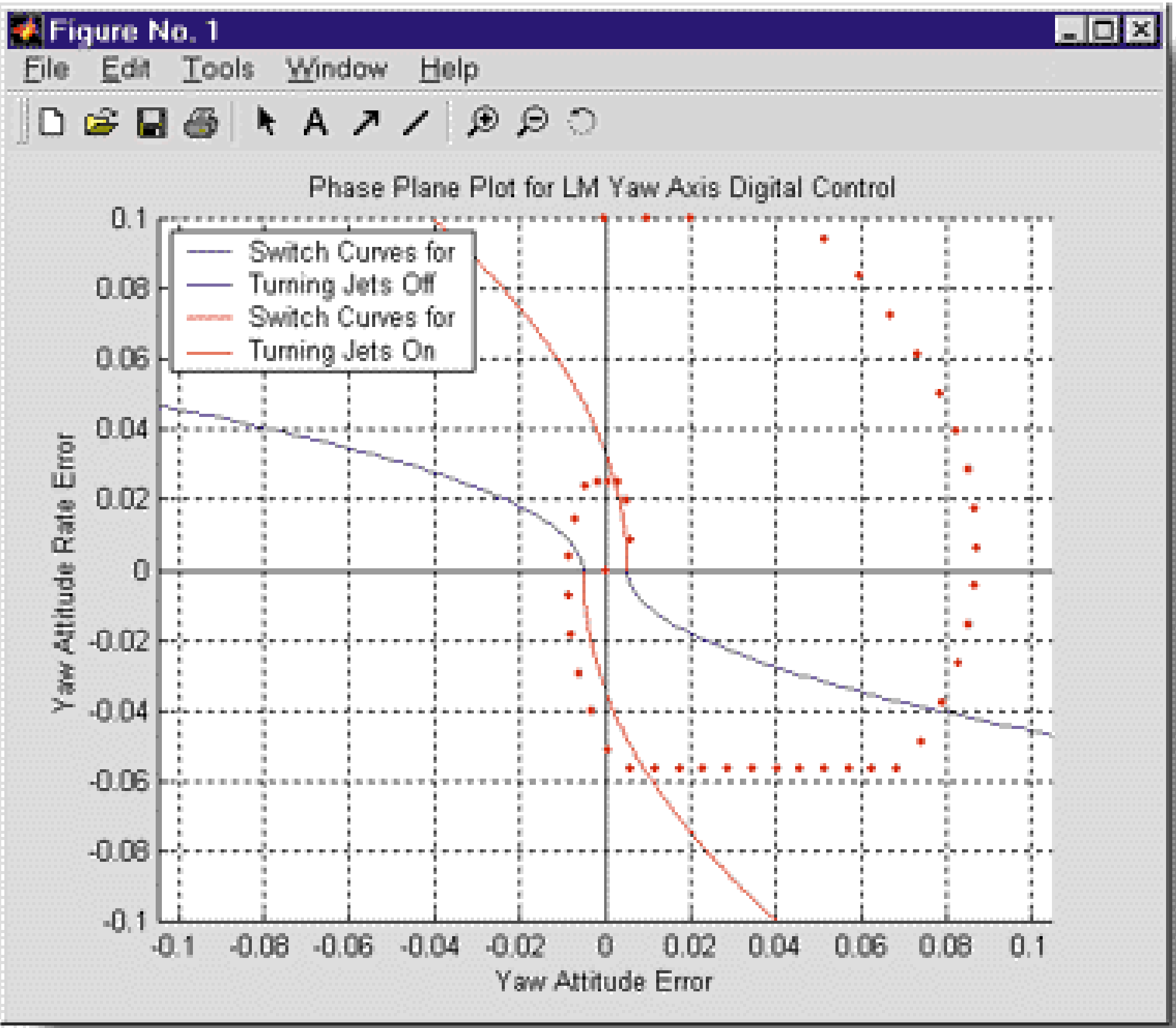
The image displays a MATLAB/Simulink workspace for a simulation titled "Apollo\_v4\_2/Simscape - Position Calculation". The main window shows a 3D rendering of a lunar lander on the moon's surface. To the right, a Simulink block diagram is visible, featuring various control blocks, gain blocks, and integrators. Below the 3D view, there are several empty data plots: "XY Graph" (top center), "Geschwindigkeit" (middle center), "Fallrate" (bottom left), and "Höhe" (bottom right). A small dialog box titled "Figure 1: Keyboard Input" is open in the lower right, with options to "Disable exclusive figure-keyboard input" and "Re-enable exclusive figure-keyboard input". The MATLAB interface includes a top menu bar, a toolbar, and a taskbar at the bottom with various application icons.



Moon landing  
2. Try: Simulink

# Fly me to the moon - Then an now

Richard J. Gran 30 years anniversary

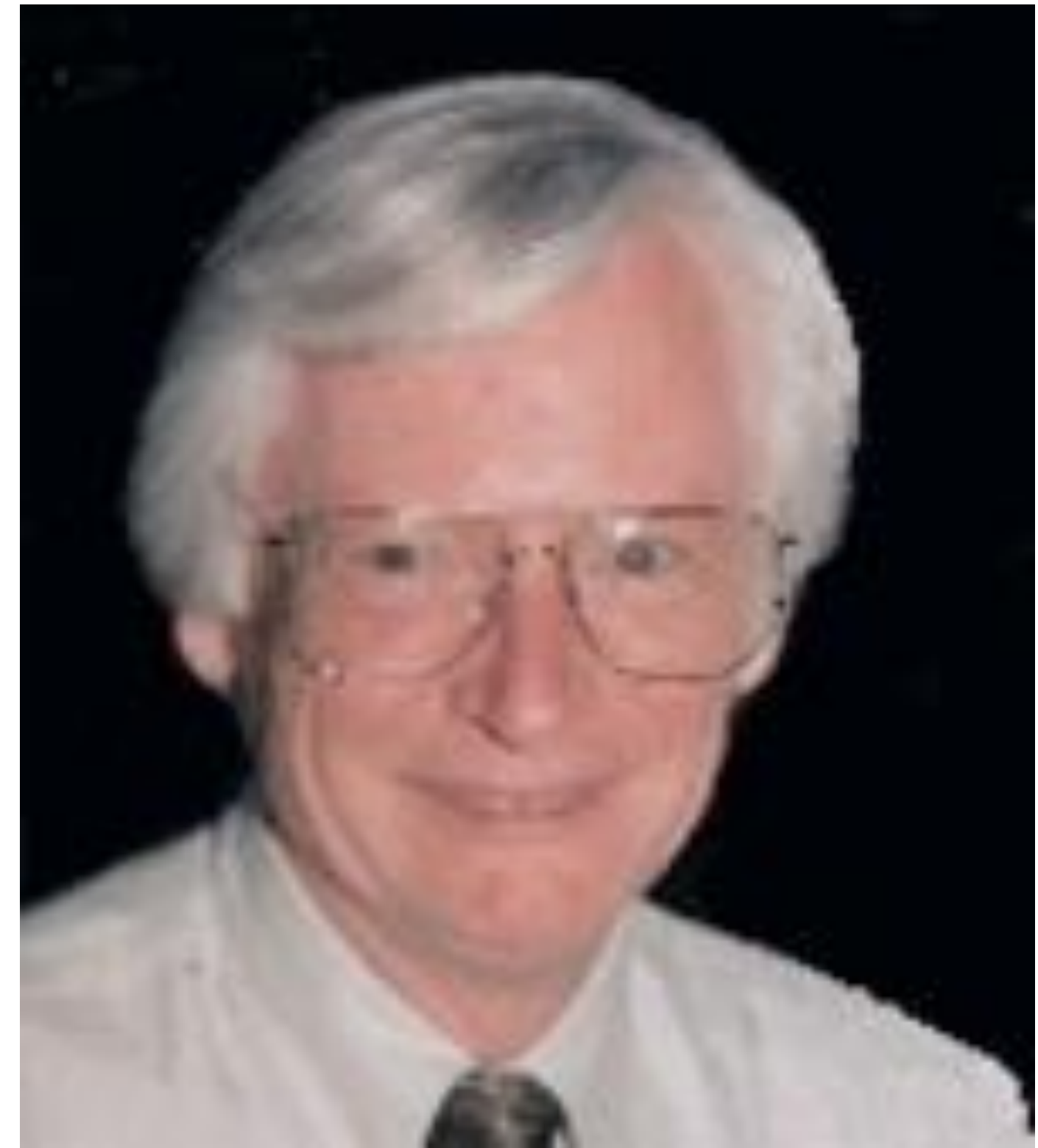


1 h to model!

# But:

That same year, I became a member of the Grumman Guidance and Control group and, as such, participated on field assignment, in the design of the Lunar Module digital autopilot at MIT Instrumentation Laboratories from 1963 to 1966.

Richard J. Gran



*Source: Mathworks*



*Source: Engineering and Technology History*

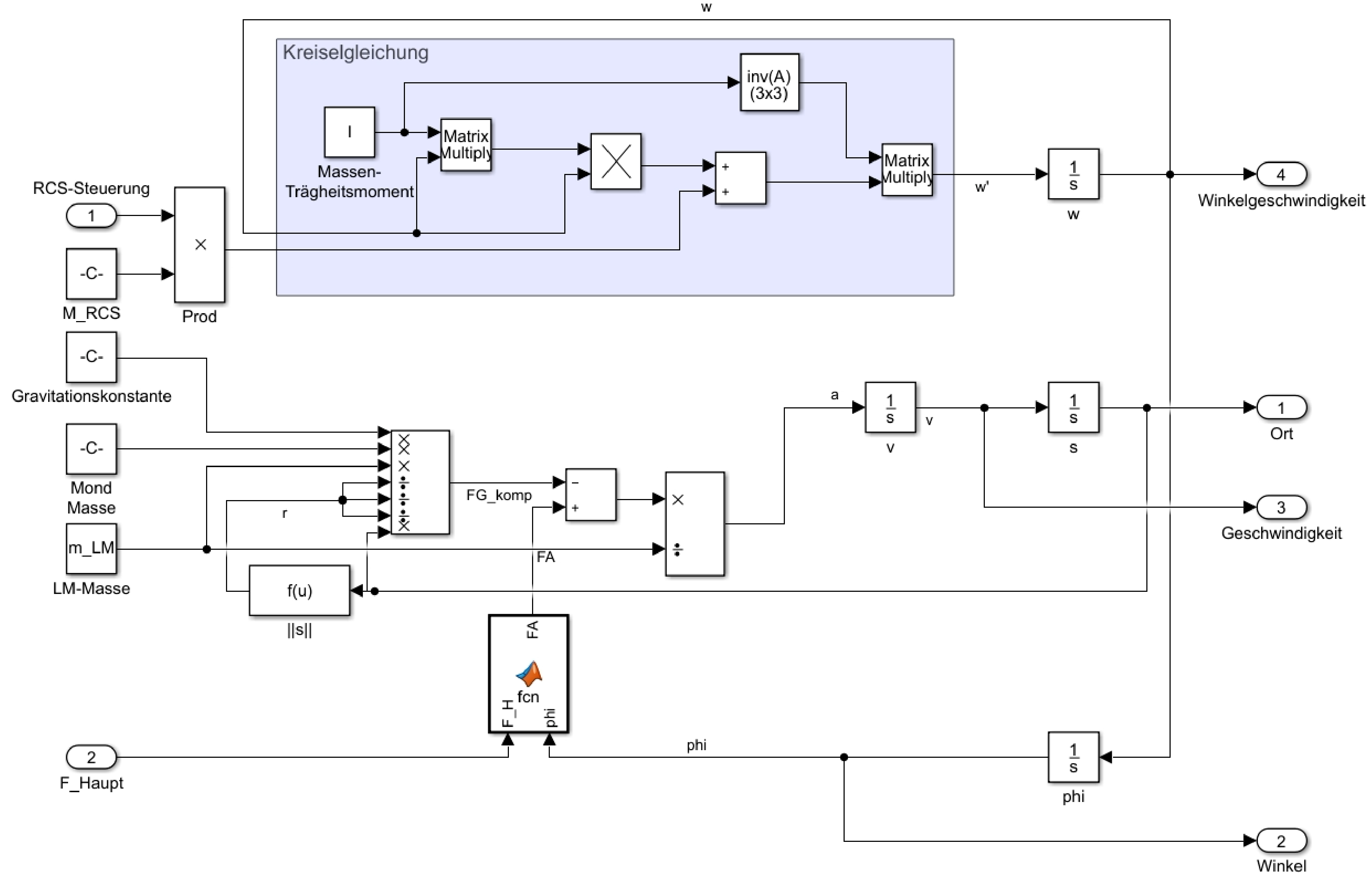
How to solve complex technical problems.....

.....if I know nothing!



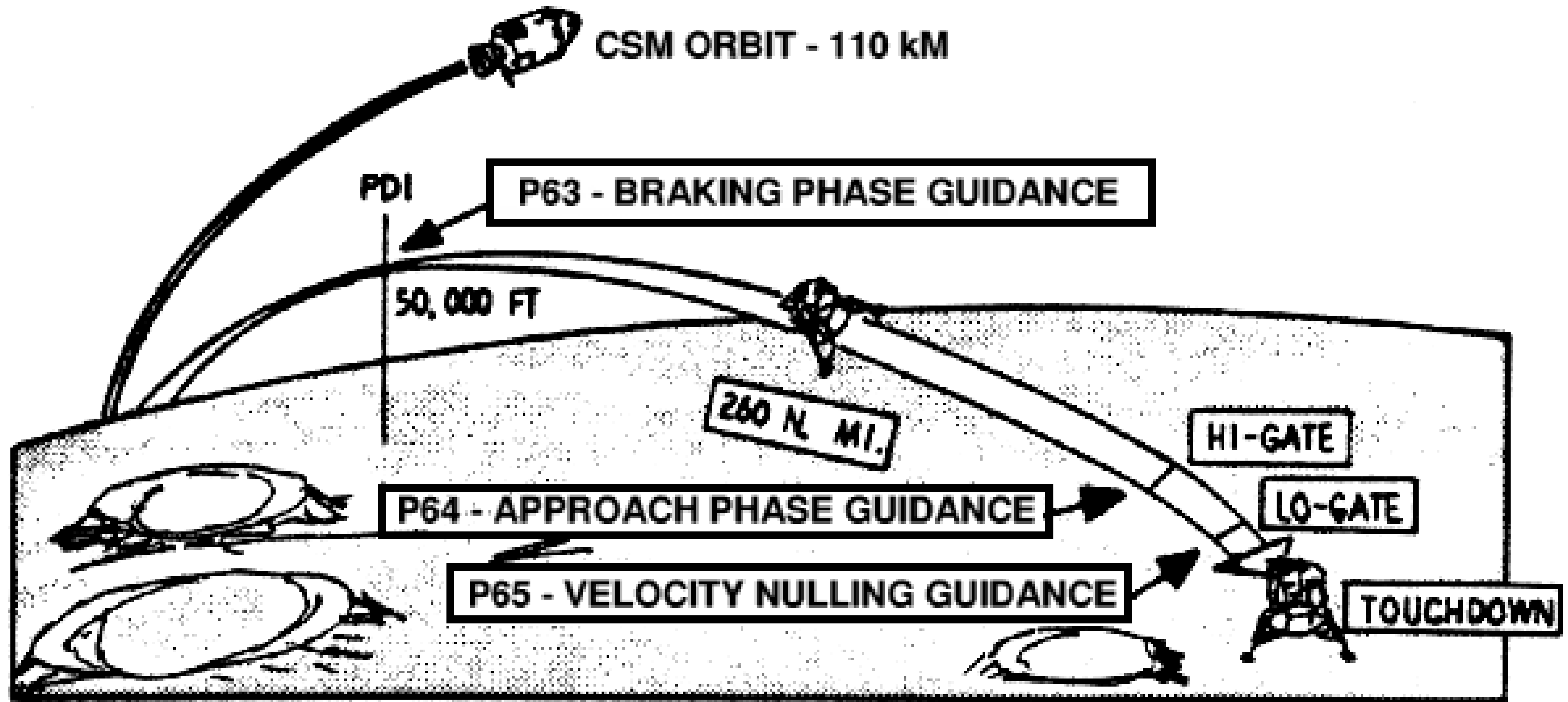
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# Modeling





# Build a model is one thing...



# ...but how to land?

APOLLO LUNAR MODULE LANDING STRATEGY

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Guidance and Control Division

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Astronauts fail on  
landing by hand

A NASA team of 10 people  
did simulations 2 years!

...but how to land?

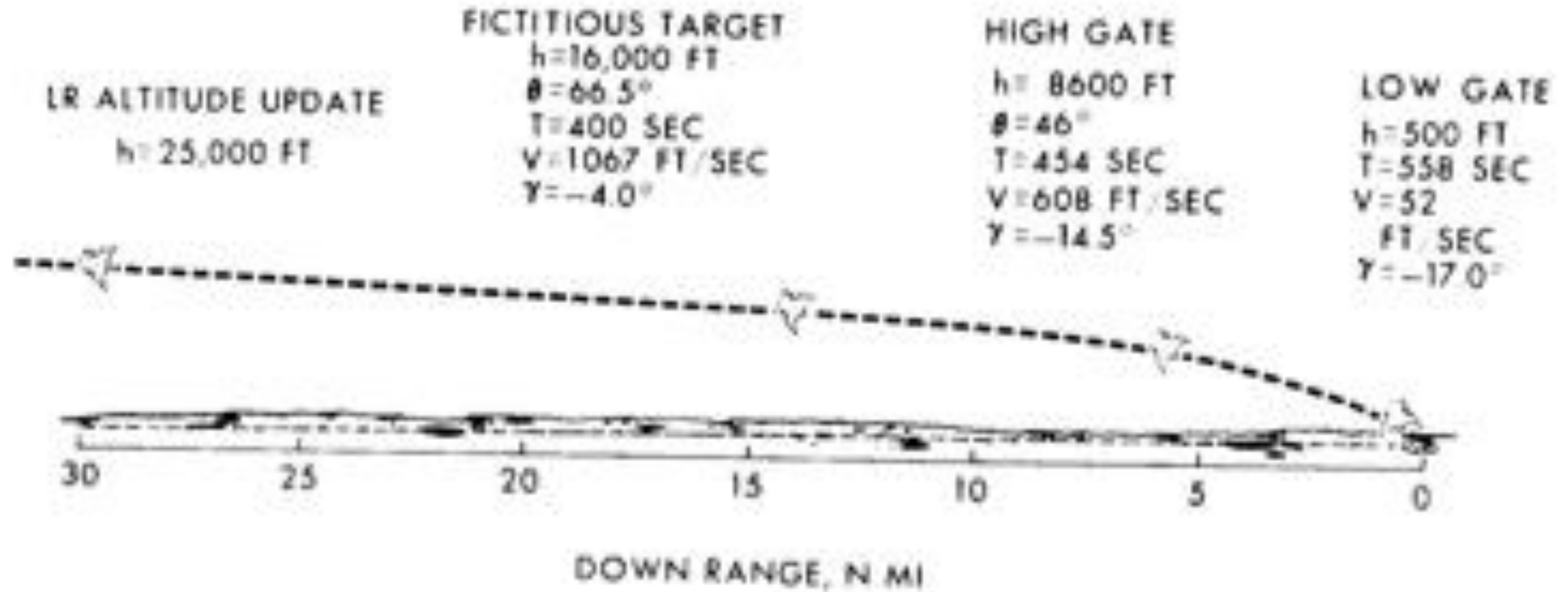
# LM POWERED DESCENT

	MAXIMUM THROTTLE	TARGET SWITCHOVER	LR ALTITUDE UPDATE
ENGINE IGNITION	$h=50,000$ FT	$h=43,000$ FT	$h=25,000$ FT
$h=50,000$ FT	$\theta=88^\circ$	$\theta=80^\circ$	$\theta=71^\circ$
$\theta=86^\circ$	$T=28$ SEC	$T=228$ SEC	$T=328$ SEC
$T=0$ SEC	$V=5564$ FT/SEC	$V=3385$	$V=2164$ FT/SEC
$V=5500$ FT/SEC	$\gamma=-.2^\circ$	$\gamma=-1.4^\circ$	$\gamma=-4.0^\circ$
$\gamma=0^\circ$			



...but how to land?

# LM POWERED DESCENT ( CONT )



...but how to land?

# GUIDANCE COMMANDS FOR POWERED DESCENT

IDEAL CONDITION ———  
TYPICAL ERROR CONDITIONS AND TERRAIN - - - - -

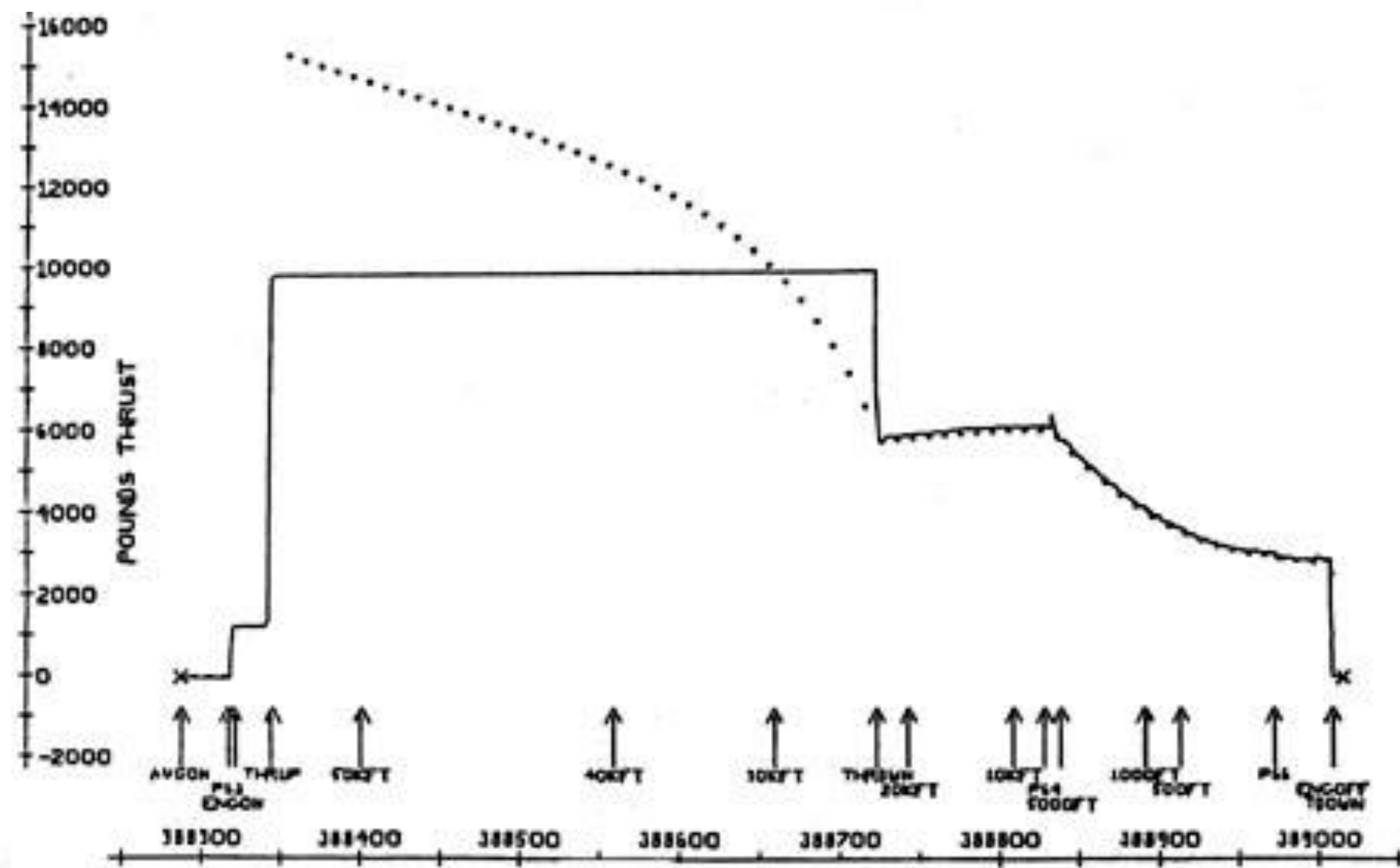
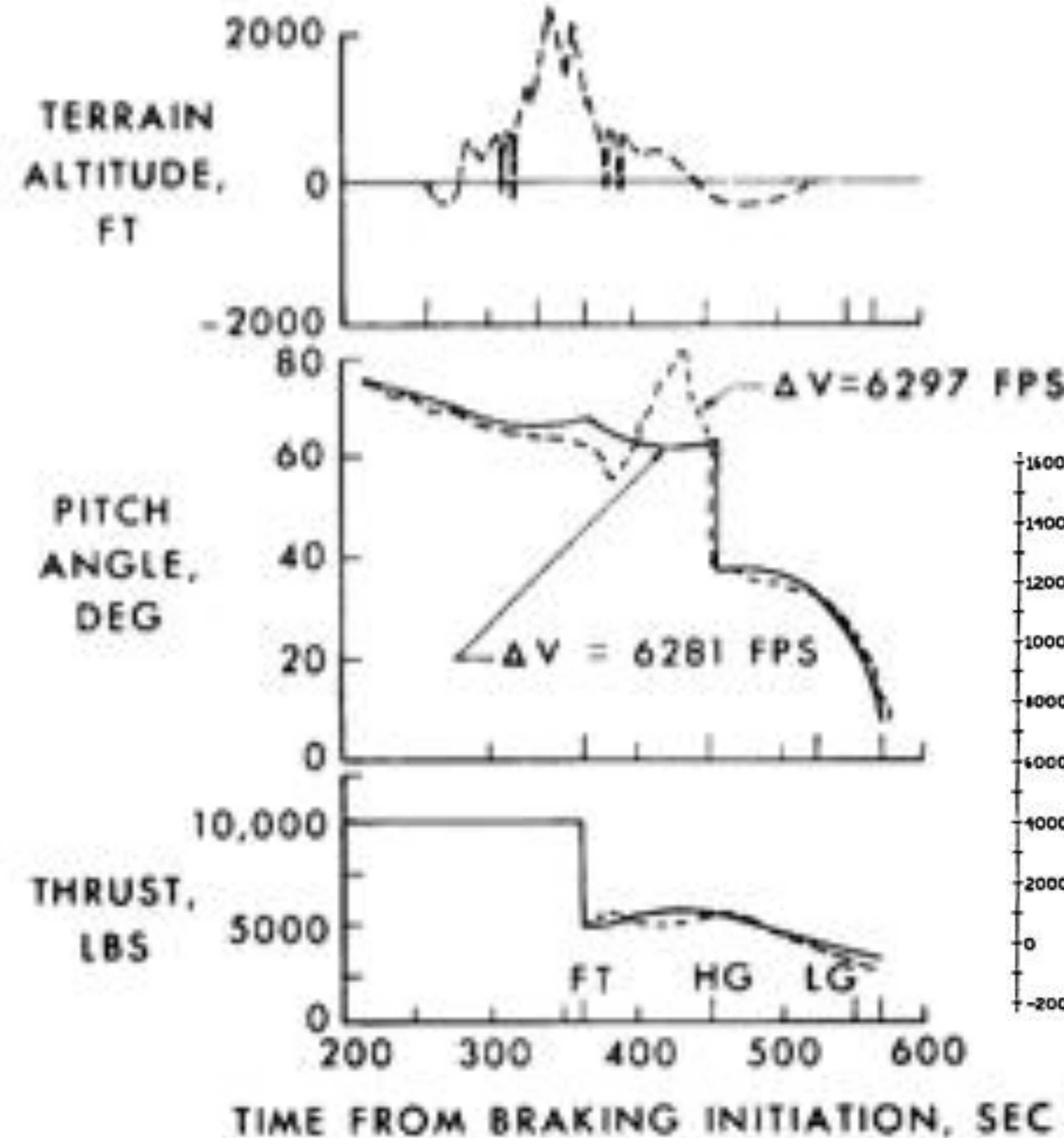
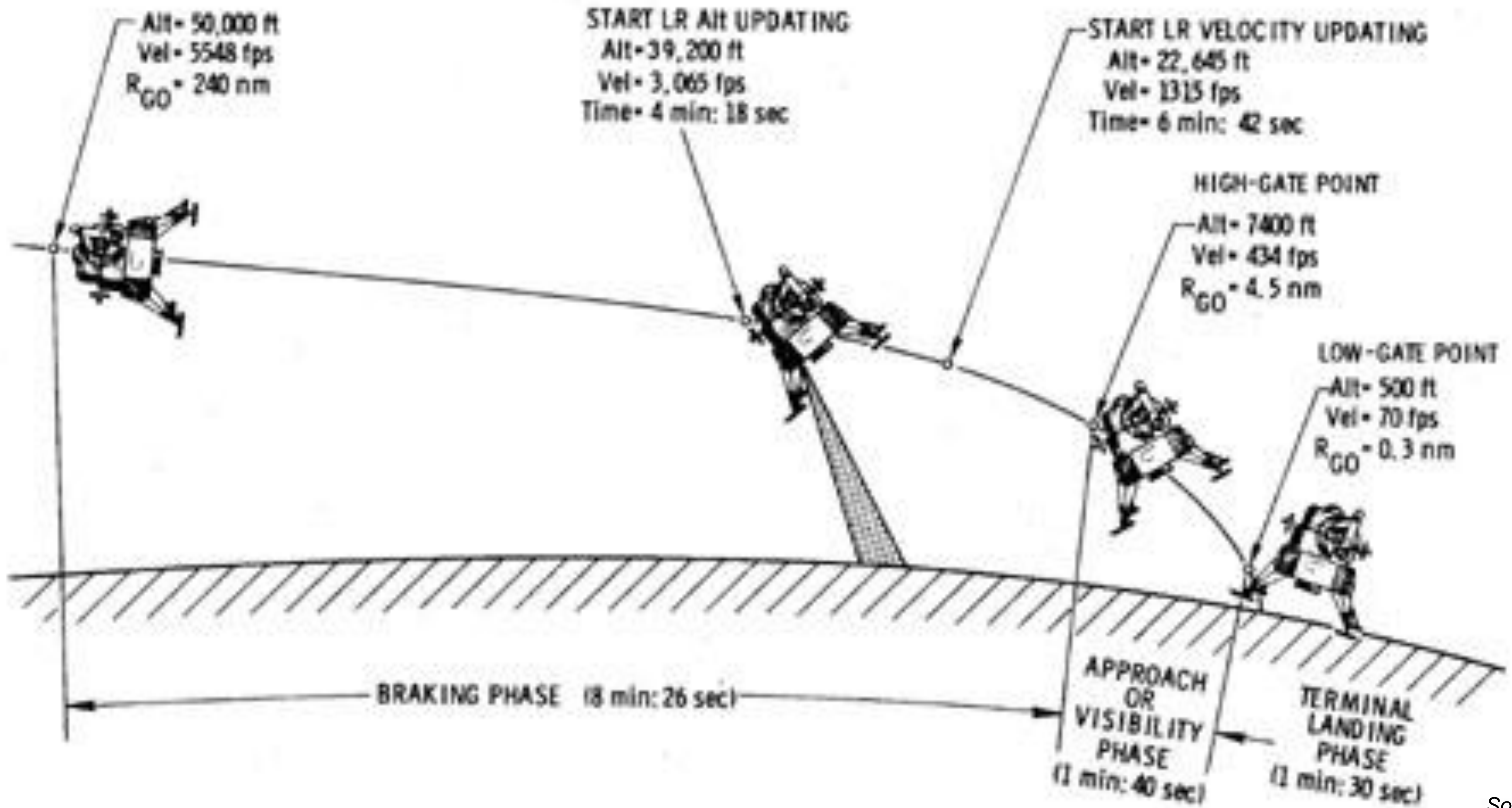


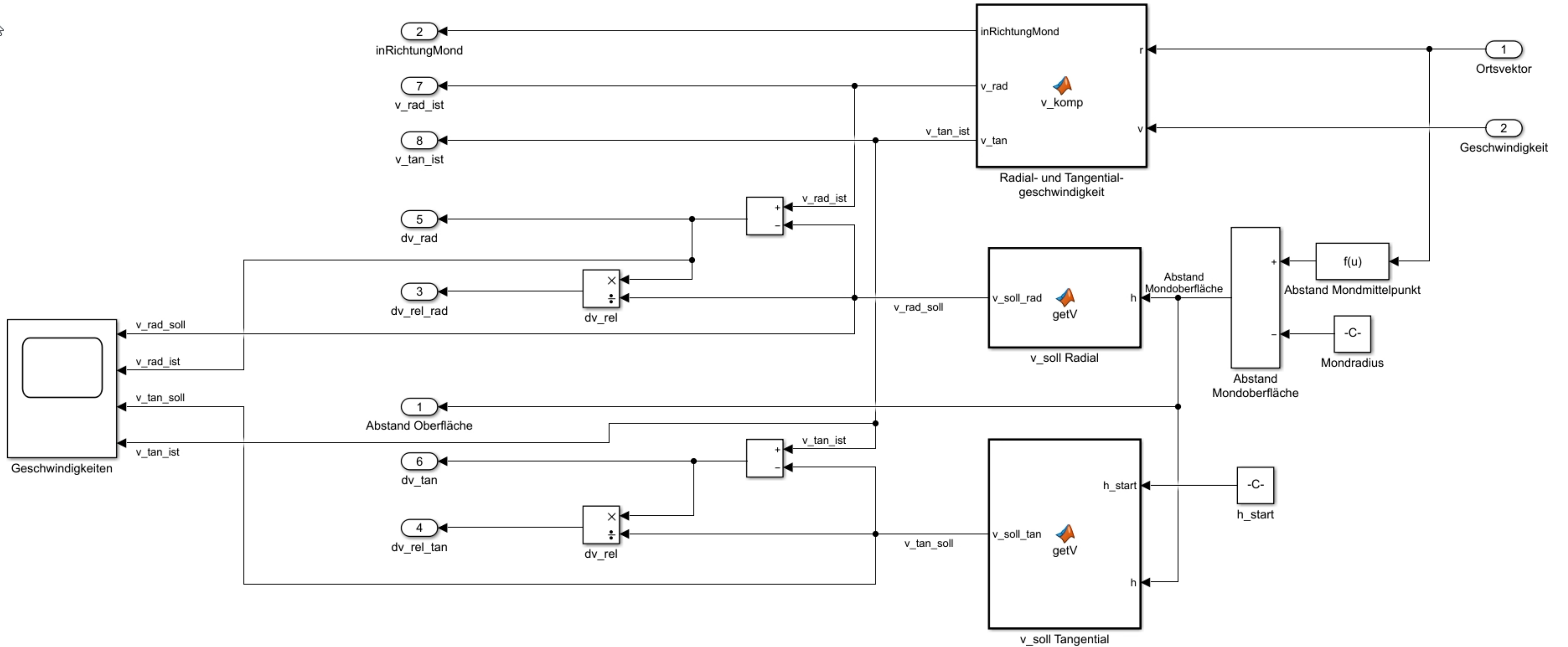
FIGURE 25

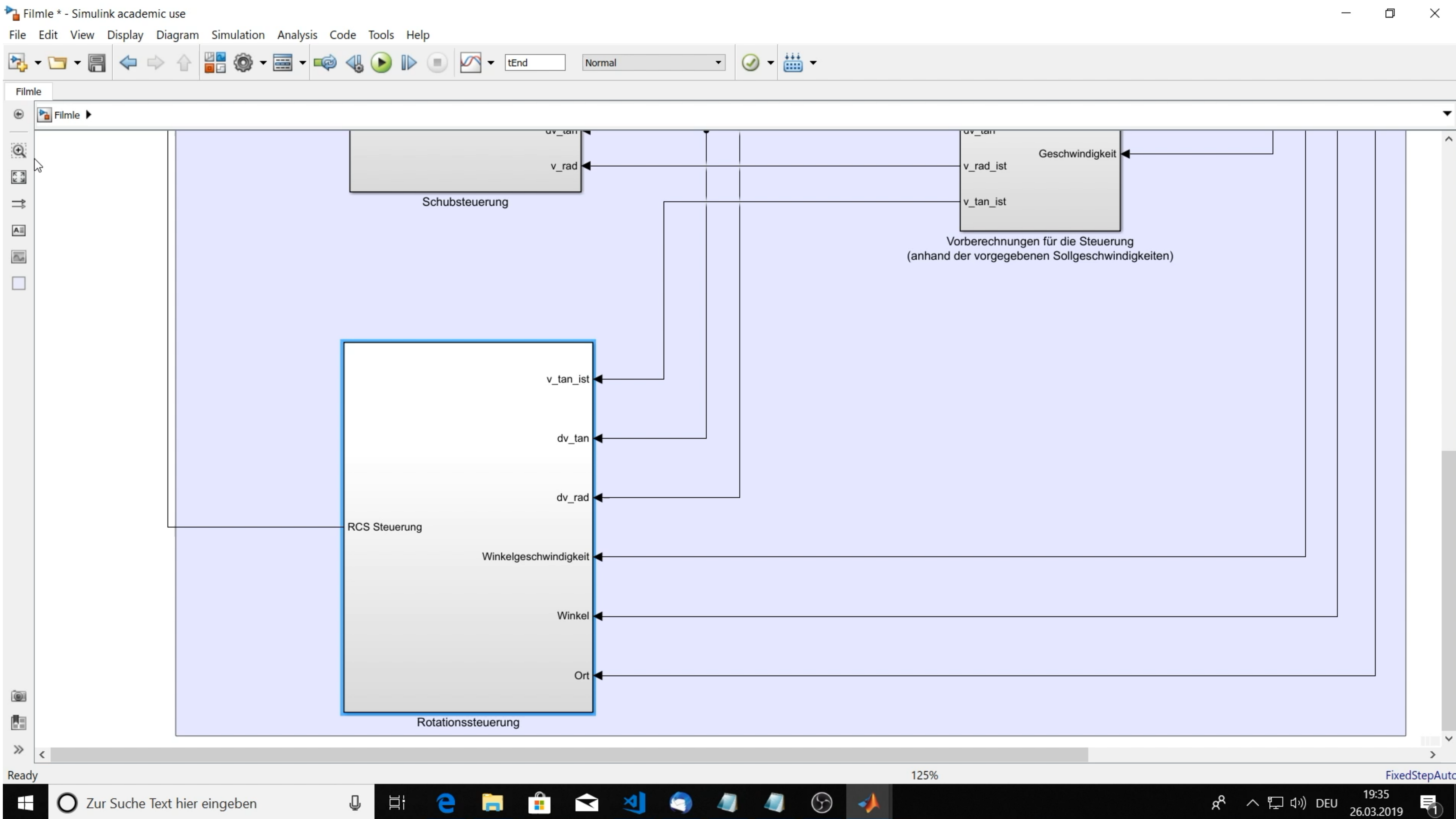
## ...but how to land?

# That way!



# The result:

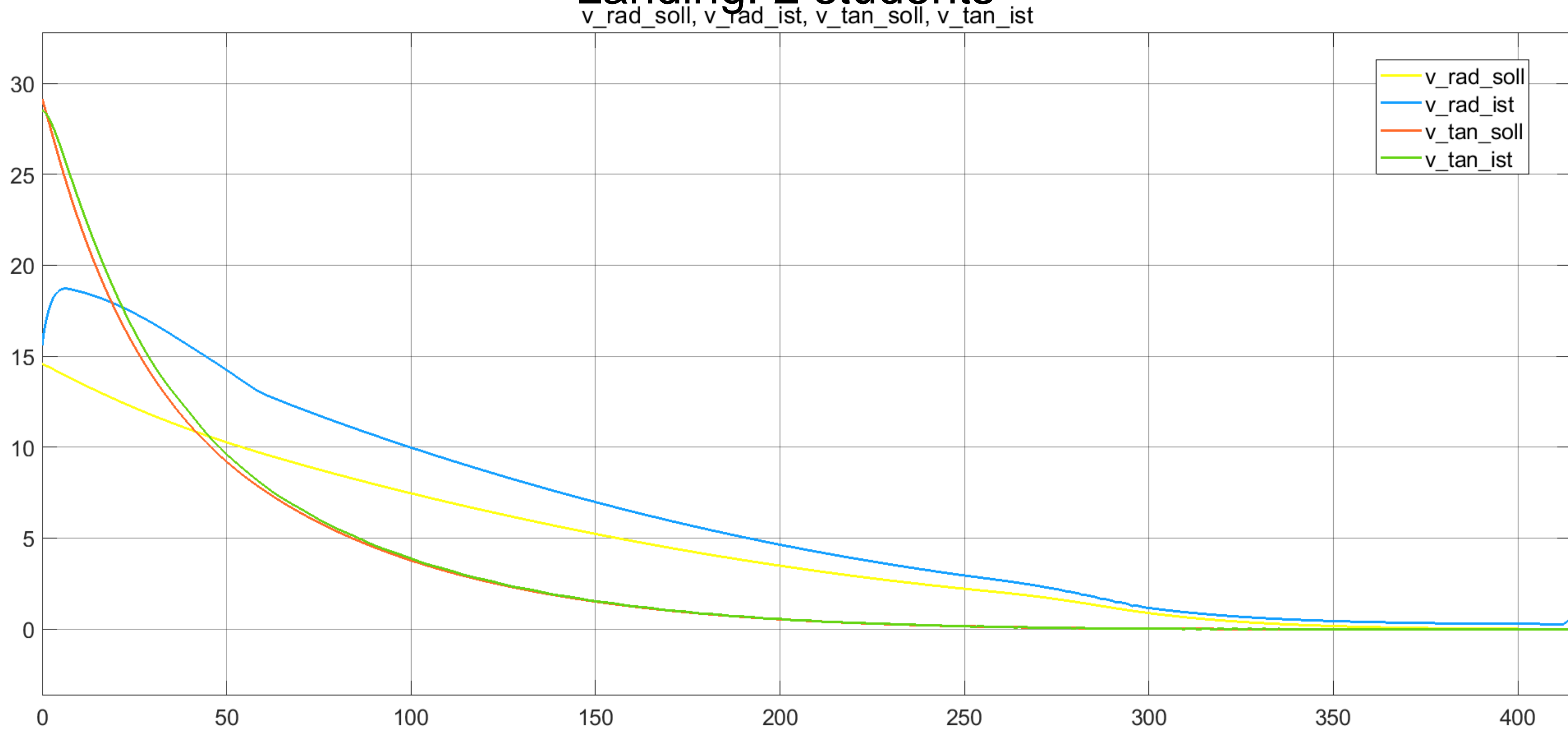






# The result

- Simscape: 2 students
- Simulink model: 1 students
- Landing: 2 students





COMPUTER  
PROGRAM

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**They want 'Delta-H',  
which compares the  
radar's and computer's  
value for height.**

# Der 1202 Program-Alarm!

**102:38:21** Armstrong: Sure do. Houston, (I hope) you're looking at our Delta-H.

**102:38:25** Duke: That's affirmative.

**102:38:26** Armstrong: (With the slightest touch of urgency) Program Alarm.

**102:38:28** Duke: It's looking good to us. Over.

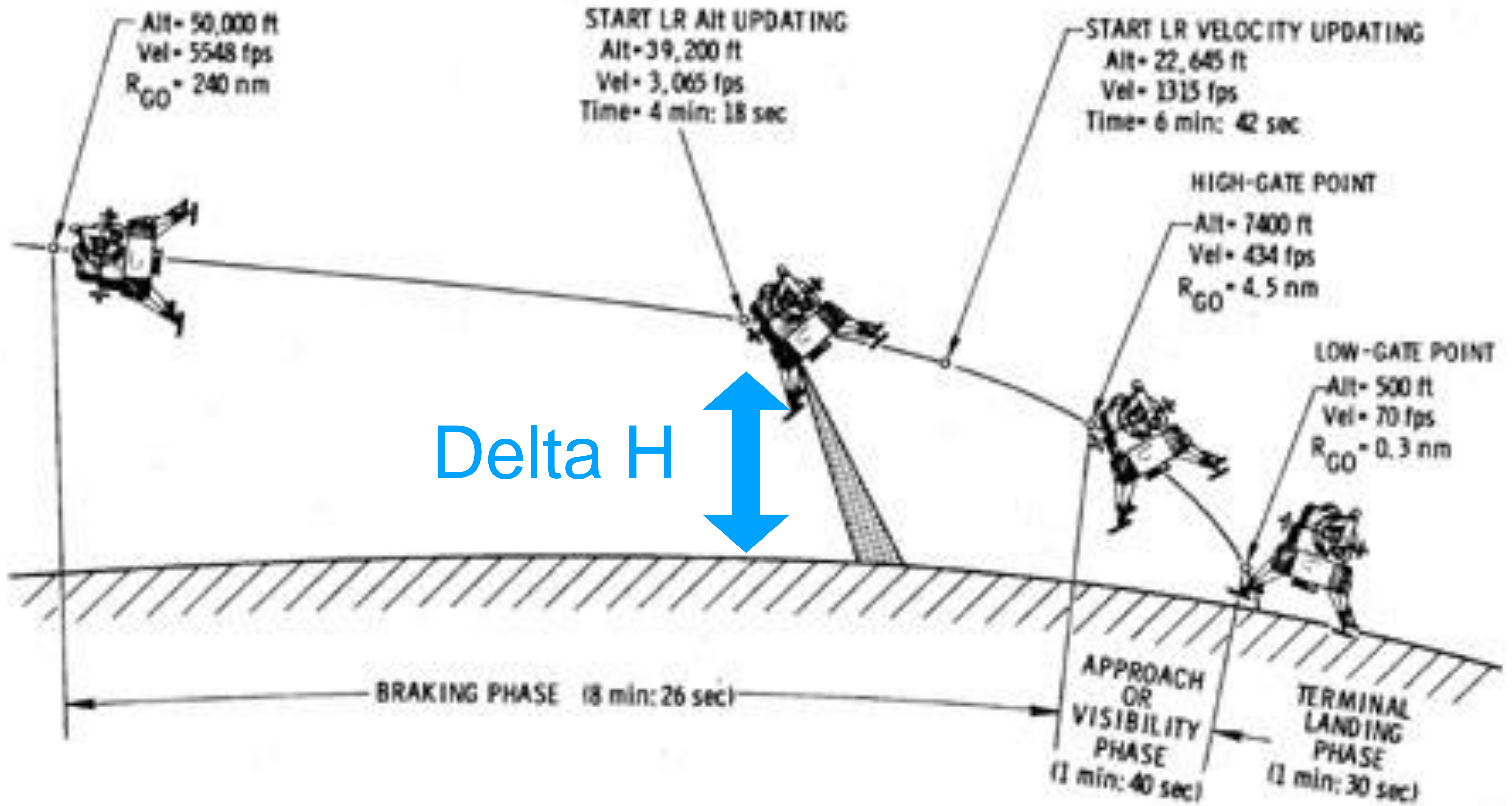
**102:38:30** Armstrong: (To Houston) It's a 1202.

**102:38:32** Aldrin: 1202. (Pause)

**102:38:42** Armstrong (onboard): (To Buzz) What is it? Let's incorporate. (To Houston) Give us a reading on the Program Alarm.

**102:38:53** Duke: Roger. We got you...(With some urgency in his voice) We're Go on that alarm.

# Program Delta H



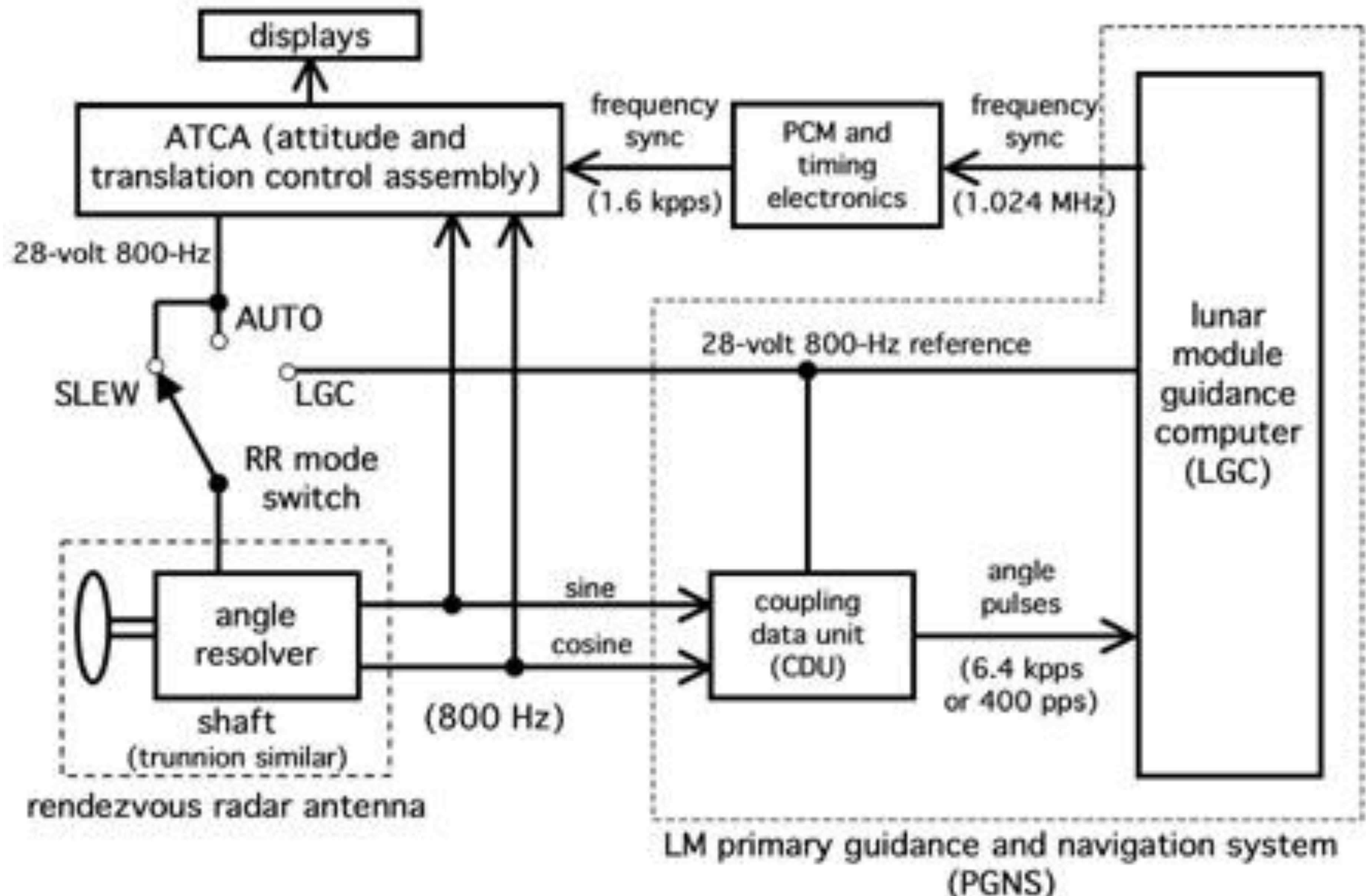
# Jack Garman



## APPLICABLE TO: IN DESCENT, AVERAGE-G ON

ALARM CODE	TYPE	PRE-MANUAL CAPABILITY	MANUAL CAPABILITY
0105 MK ROUT. BUSY	POODOO	*	
00430 CANT INTG. SV.	"	* PGNC'S GUID. LOST,	PGNC'S GUIDANCE NO/GO
01103 CASHOLE-PROG. BUG	"	*	
01204 NEG. WAITLIST	"	* PGNC'S/AGS ABRT/ABRT STG	(PGNC'S GO for
01206 DSKY, TWO USERS	"	*	TAPE METERS, CROSS-POINTERS,
01302 NEG. SQ. ROOT	"	* (decision how on	CONTROL,
01501 DSKY, PROG. BAD	"	* current rules)	ABORTING)
01502 DSKY, PROG. BUG	"	* (NO LR DATA)	(NO LR DATA)
00607 LAHB, NO SOLN	"	*	
"O.F." = Overflow, too many CONTINUING ← OCCURRENCE OF:		DUTY CYCLE MAY DEGRADE PGNC'S (AGS CONTROL MAY HELP - SEE BELOW)	SAME AS LEFT
01104 DELAY ROUT. O.V.	BAILOUT	[WATCH FOR OTHER CUES]	
01201 EXECT. O.F. (VAC)	"	PGNC'S CONDITION UNKNOWN,	(except "other cues"
01202 EXECT. O.F. (JOBS)	"	DSKY MAY BE LOCKED UP,	which would otherwise
01203 EXECT. O.F. (TASKS)	"	DUTY CYCLE MAY BE UP	be cause for ABORT
01207 EXECT. O.F. (MARKS)	"	TO POINT OF MISSING SOME	PROBABLY ABORT,
01210 TWO USERS	"	FUNCTIONS (NAV, LAST TO DIE)	INSTEAD IT WOULD
01211 MRK ROUT. INTRPT	"	SWITCH TO AGS (FOLLOW ERR	BE PGNC'S GUIDANCE
02000 DAP O.F.	"	NEEDLES) MAY HELP (REDUCES	NO/GO - COMPLETE MANUAL
		PGNC'S DUTY CYCLE SIGNIF.)	LANDING IN AGS.)
<b>ISS WARNINGS WITH:</b>			
00777 PIPA FAIL	LIGHT ONLY		
03777 CDU FAIL	"	PIPA/CDU/IMU FAIL	same as left
09777 PIPA, CDU FAIL	"	DISCRETES PRESENT	
07777 IMU FAIL	"		
10777 PIPA, IMU FAIL	"	(Other mission rules	
13777 CDU, IMU FAIL	"	suffice; alarm may help	
14777 PIPA, CDU, IMU FL	"	point to what rule will	
		be broken)	
00214 IMU TURNED OFF	LIGHT ONLY	* AGS ABRT/ABRT STAGE	SWITCH TO AGS
		*	PGNS NO/GO on Gnd/C
		*	(poss. NO/GO on NAV)
		*	
01107 E-Mem. Destroyed	FRESH STRT	* AGS ABRT/ABRT STAGE	SWITCH TO AGS
		*	PGNC'S NO/GO!
		*	(IMU as ref. okay)
		*	
CONTINUING ←		* IF ALARM DOESN'T STOP,	IF ALARM DOESN'T STOP:
00402 BAD GUID. CMDS	LIGHT ONLY	* SAME AS "POODO'S" (ABRT?)	Same as "POODO'S"
CONTINUING ←			
01406 GUID. NO SOLN	LIGHT ONLY	PGNC'S GUID. NO/GO AS LONG	same as left
01410 GUID O.V.		AS ALARM OCCURRING	(except prob. no abort.)
		(ATT. HOLD, CONST. GTC, CONT. OK)	
		(ABRT WILL PROB. COME FROM	
		CURRENT RULES e.g. GTC vs. V)	
		WATCH GTC ←	

# Echtzeitsysteme?



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Program

7,500 Ft  
Altitude

5,000

CDR's  
heart  
rate

2,500

150  
BPM

125

100

# Landing the Eagle

20-Jul-1969

Program alarms

1202

1202

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1201

1202

1202

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"The Eagle has landed"

"Shutdown"

"Looks like a good area here"

"Pretty rocky area"

"Altitude, velocity lights"

"5% fuel"

Touchdown

60 seconds

30 seconds

Source: John Dearden

© Jon Dearden

Ver. 1.2

Hrs:Min

102:36

102:37

102:38

102:39

102:40

102:41

102:42

102:43

102:44

102:45

102:46

102:47



"We're long"

"This is much harder to do than it looks"

"Give us a reading on the 1202 program alarm"

"RCS is Go, DPS is Go"

"Attitude control is good"

"Go for landing"

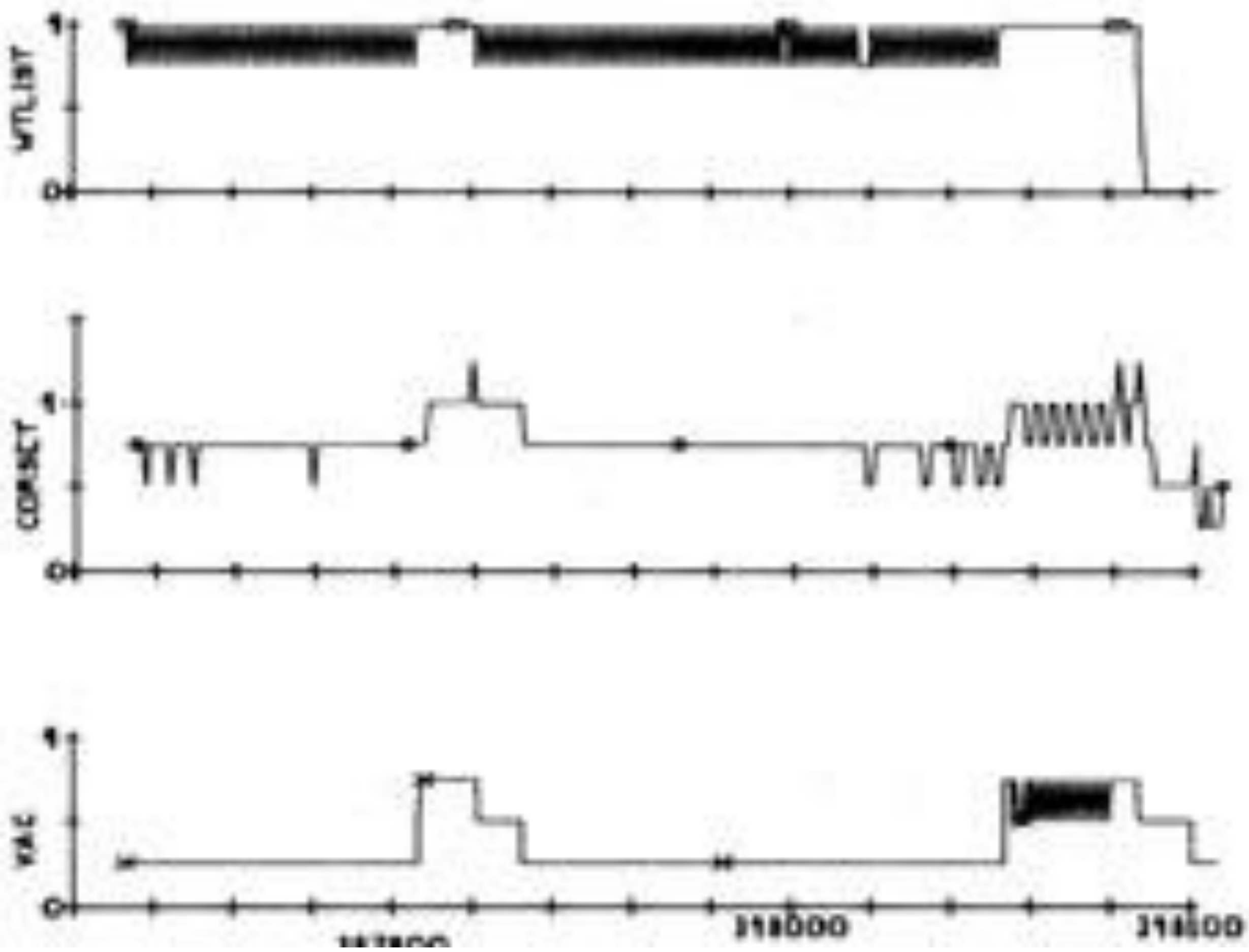
Yaw maneuver

Radar lock-on

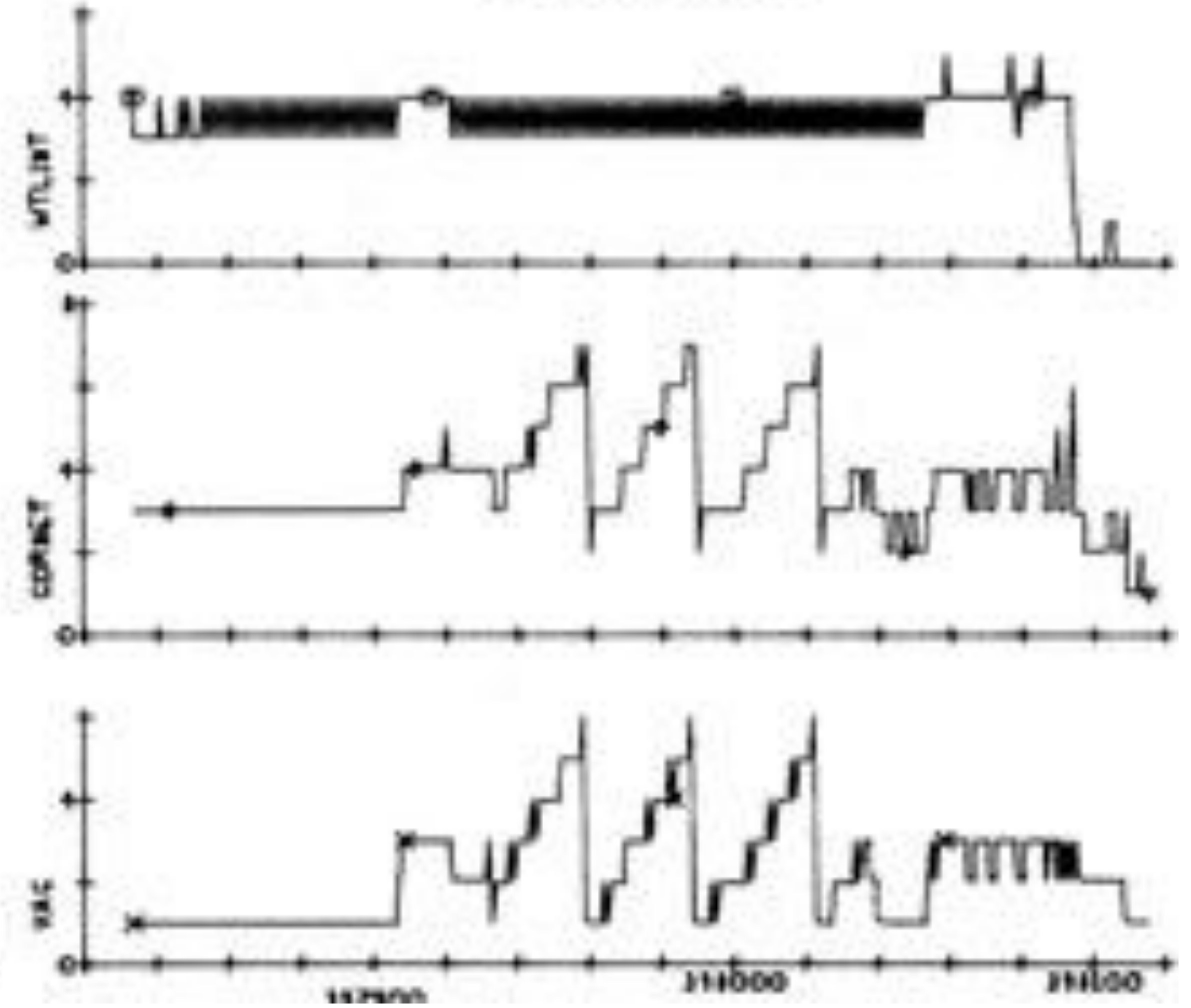
Throttle down

# Echtzeitsysteme?

TLOSS 0%



TLOSS 10%



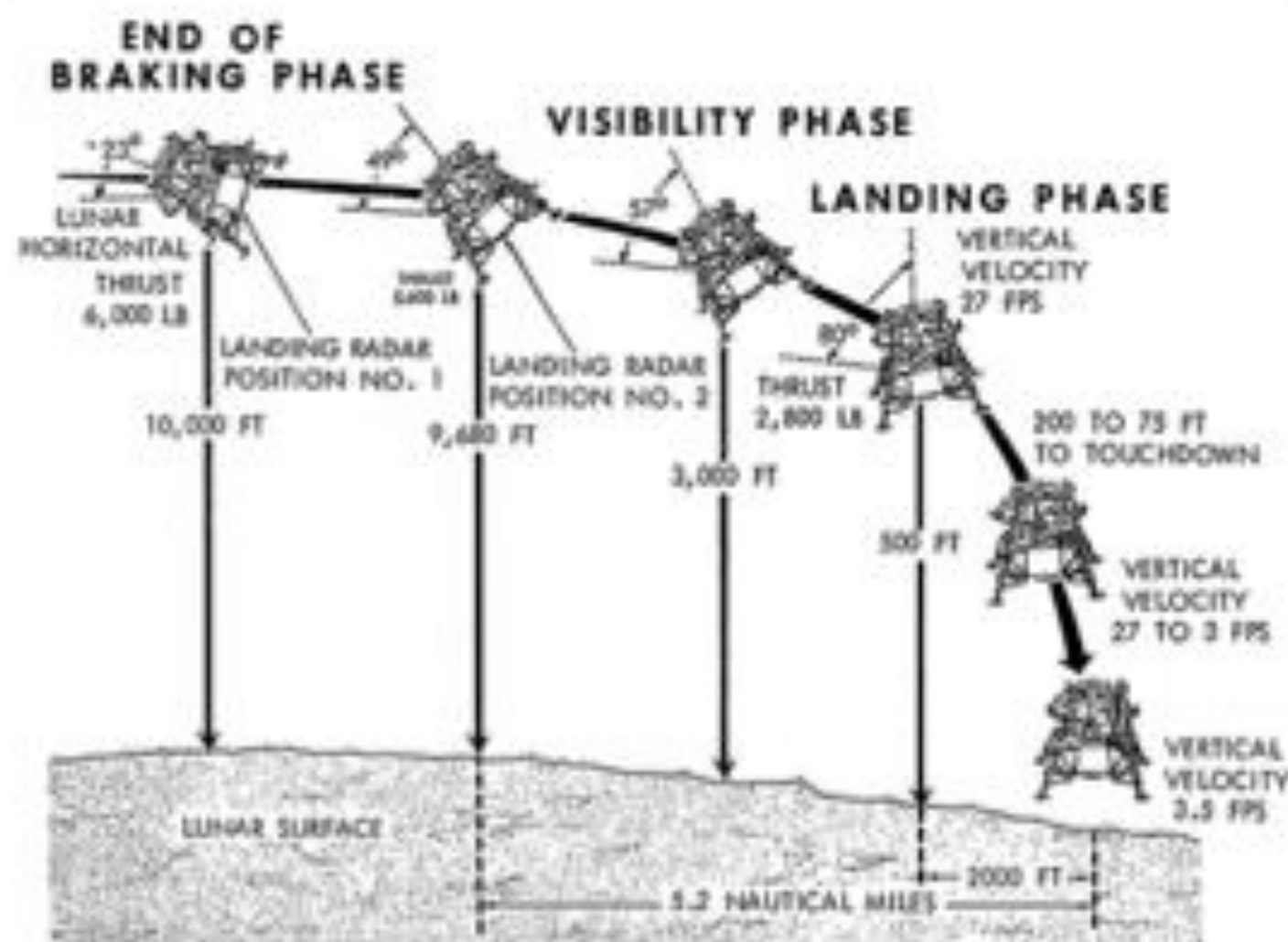


# How a Small Real-Time Bug Endangered the Apollo 11 Mission

## 1. The Apollo 11 Mission

The NASA had in the 1960'ies and 70'ies a program named "Apollo" to bring men into space and onto the moon. The Apollo 11 Mission was the first to finally land on the moon. On July 20th 1969 at 20:17:58 UTC the first man made space vehicle landed and returned safely to earth with three astronauts on board.

During the approach with the LEM (Lunar Excursion Module) named "Eagle" the calculation of the correct flight path and control of the propulsion system was performed by the LGC (Lunar Guidance Computer). Mid way of approaching the moon the system reported two errors (#1201 and #1202) due to a timing problem in the LGC's program. This demo shall simulate the processes on the LGC and show how it came to the real-time errors. This is for demo purposes only and is based on the publicly available data published by NASA and others.



**NOMINAL DESCENT TRAJECTORY  
FROM HIGH GATE TO TOUCHDOWN**

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